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INFORMATION OBTAINED REGARDING DISCUSSION
BETWEEN LEADING COMMUNIST PARTY, USA,
FUNCTIONARY AND HIGH-RANKING OFFICIALS
OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CHINA

During the course of his recent visit to Red China, a leading functionary of the Communist Party, USA, conferred at length with Mao Tse-tung, chairman of the Communist Party of China; Wang Chia-hsing, head of the International Liaison Department of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China; Tang Ming-choe, a former resident of the United States; and Liu Shao-chi, vice chairman of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China.

Beth Mao and Liu emphasized that the months of May and June, 1959, will be "sharp months" in that the international situation will reach critical points. They stated in reference to the Berlin situation that the communist countries are not going to give in and that the Chinese leaders are convinced that the Western powers including the United States will retreat. The Berlin question will become so critical that the communists will have to find a "face saving" device in order to let the United States reach an understanding or retreat gracefully. Mao stated that the communist powers are not worried about the military threats of the United States.

Beth Mao and Liu stated that in addition to Berlin, the communist powers will keep the imperialists busy in many ways. They specifically referred to Taiwan and said that another situation similar to the situation existing a year ago may develop and that it may lead to the brink of war. They added that the Chinese will not retreat but may find "face saving" measures for the Western powers. They claimed that they have an "active front" in Taiwan and there may be eruptions in other places. Neither Mao nor Liu was specific concerning this last statement.

Mao desired that the Communist Party, USA, functionary, advise the Communist Party, USA, that inasmuch as United States imperialists cannot do anything to Russia or to China that they may take action against the American communists. They queried this American Communist Party leader as to whether the Communist Party, USA, would be ready in the event of attacks against it or whether the Communist Party, USA, would go along as though things are normal in the international area.

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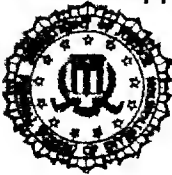
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Both Mao and Liu, particularly the latter, discussed with the American Communist Party functionary methods of work and tactics of underground activities for the Communist Party, USA. They gave the impression that the Communist Party, USA, does not need a large mass Party but rather needs a hard core which will defend the purity of Marxism-Leninism. The Chinese emphasized that there should be a broad corps of tens of thousands working as leaders in mass organizations. They pointed out that for each Communist Party member, there are needed 20 persons not known as Communist Party members or as supporters of the Communist Party who would be able to take advantage of situations without being hurt or damaged in any way. They concluded that the Communist Party, USA, should be a small Communist Party and if the conditions demand it an illegal Communist Party.

In regard to the necessity for a third party, particularly a labor party, both Mao and Liu doubted the necessity for such a party in the United States. They reasoned that the Communist Party, USA, should not occupy its time attempting to build a third party and that if a third party existed in the United States, the Communist Party would not be able to work with such a party on a legal basis. The Chinese Communist Party leaders believe that a third party would only create illusions and cited as their example, the Labor Party in England. Both Mao and Liu stated that there is no need to go through the evolution of a labor party led by socialists or social democrats.

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BY COURIER DELIVERED

Mr. Allen W. Dulles
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
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2400 E Street, N. W.
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Allen:

With regard to my communications of April 12 and 15, 1959, concerning recent discussions between a leading functionary of the Communist Party, USA, and high-ranking officials in Red China, I thought you would be interested in the enclosed memorandum. This memorandum contains additional information about a discussion with the afore-mentioned Communist Party, USA, functionary and leaders of the Communist Party of China. This data was obtained as a result of our over-all coverage of the Communist Party, USA.

In view of the extremely sensitive nature of certain of the sources of our information, it is requested that the contents of this communication be afforded the most careful security and its use restricted to a need-to-know basis.

Sincerely,

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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

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Dear Edgar:

Many thanks for your letter of 24 April and the enclosed Memorandum concerning a discussion between a leading Communist Party, USA, functionary and high-ranking officials of the Communist Party of China.

I read it with interest and appreciate your thought in bringing this to my attention. I am forwarding it to some of my people here on a need-to-know basis.

With kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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